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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

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Signed March 16, 2021

Harry H. C. Jones
United States Bankruptcy Judge

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

In re:

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,¹

Debtor.

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,

Plaintiff,

VS.

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT
SERVICES, INC.,

Defendant.

§ Chapter 11
§
§ Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
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§ Adversary Proceeding No.
§
§ 21-03006-sgj11

ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION REGARDING SCHEDULING ORDER

Upon consideration of the *Stipulation and Proposed Scheduling Order* (the “Stipulation”)² by and between Highland Capital Management, L.P., as debtor-in-possession (the “Debtor”), and

¹ The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, TX 75201.

² Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Order shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation.

Highland Capital Management Services, Inc. (“HCMS”, and together with the Debtor, the “Parties”), it is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT**:

1. The Stipulation, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, is **APPROVED**.
2. The Stipulation shall become effective immediately upon entry of this Order.
3. With respect to the Adversary Proceeding, the Parties shall abide by the following pretrial schedule (the “Joint Pretrial Schedule”) in lieu of that provided in the Alternative Scheduling Order:

<i>Joint Pretrial Schedule</i>	
<u>Event</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
1. Service of Written Discovery Requests	May 10, 2021
2. Service of Written Responses to Discovery	June 14, 2021
3. Completion of Fact Discovery	July 5, 2021
4. Expert Disclosures	July 16, 2021
5. Completion of Expert Discovery	August 2, 2021
6. Dispositive Motions	August 16, 2021
7. Exhibit and Witness Lists	September 20, 2021
8. Joint Pretrial Order	September 27, 2021
9. Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law	September 27, 2021
10. Trial Docket Call	October 4, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. (CT)

4. The Joint Pretrial Schedule set forth in this Order shall only be modified in a writing signed by the Parties or upon the entry of an order of the Court entered upon notice to the Parties.

5. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all disputes arising out of or otherwise concerning the interpretation and enforcement of this Order.

###End of Order###

EXHIBIT A

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In re:	§	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., ¹	§	Chapter 11
Debtor.	§	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
Plaintiff,	§	Adversary Proceeding No.
vs.	§	21-03006-sgj11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.,	§	
Defendant.	§	

STIPULATION AND PROPOSED SCHEDULING ORDER

This stipulation (the “Stipulation”) is made and entered into by and between Highland Capital Management, L.P., as debtor-in-possession (the “Debtor”), and Highland Capital Management Services, Inc. (“HCMS” or “Defendant”, and together with the Debtor, the “Parties”), by and through their respective undersigned counsel.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2019 (the “Petition Date”), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Case No. 19-12239 (CSS) (the “Delaware Court”);

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2019, the Delaware Court entered an order transferring venue

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of the Debtor's bankruptcy case (the "Bankruptcy Case") to this Court;

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2021, the Debtor commenced the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "Adversary Proceeding") against HCMS by filing its complaint [Docket No. 1] (the "Complaint")²;

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2021, the Court issued its *Order Regarding Adversary Proceedings Trial Setting and Alternative Scheduling Order* [Docket No. 3] (the "Alternative Scheduling Order");

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2021, HCMS filed its answer to the Debtor's Complaint [Docket No. 6] (the "Answer");

WHEREAS, the Parties have conferred and desire to enter into a mutually agreeable proposed schedule, as specifically set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed, and upon approval of this Stipulation by the Court, it shall be SO ORDERED:

1. The Parties agree to the following schedule (the "Proposed Joint Scheduling Order") in lieu of that provided in the Alternative Scheduling Order:

<i>Proposed Joint Scheduling Order</i>	
<u>Event</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
1. Service of Written Discovery Requests	May 10, 2021
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² Refers to the docket number maintained in the Adversary Proceeding.

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2. If approved by the Court, the Proposed Joint Scheduling Order shall only be modified in a writing signed by the Parties or upon the entry of an order of the Court entered upon notice to the Parties.

3. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over all disputes arising out of or otherwise concerning the interpretation and enforcement of this Stipulation.

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Dated: March 11, 2021.

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